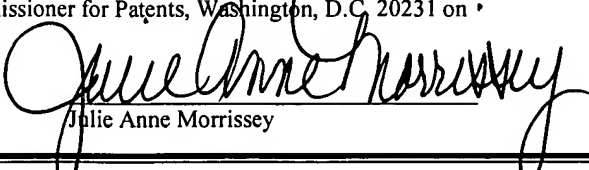




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Applicant:	John C. Pulford and Marco Pelosi	
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- ☒ Preliminary Amendment
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- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
- ☐ Other:

**Small Entity**

- ☒ Applicant/assignee claims small entity status.
- ☐ Small entity status is no longer claimed.

**Fees**

Claims as Filed					
	Claims Filed	Highest Number Paid for	Number of Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fees Due
Total Claims (37 CFR §1.16(c))	29	- 20 =	9 X	\$18.00 =	\$ 162.00
Independent Claims (37 CFR §1.16(b))	3	- 3 =	0 X	\$86.00 =	\$ 0.00
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Total Filing Fee					<u>\$ 81.00</u>

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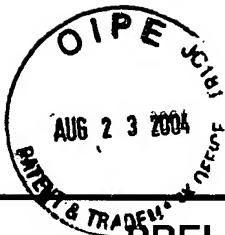
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**Authorization to Charge Additional Fees**

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 and §1.17 required by the attached paper and during the entire pendency of this application to Account No. 02-3038.

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**Before conducting examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments:**

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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